

“Disqualifications for Christians,” Part 2 - 1 Corinthians 10:5-6 – July 12th, 2015

- Today's teaching will be part two of a new series we began last week titled, “Disqualifications for Christians.”
- Let me preface today's teaching with an important reminder concerning the context in which Paul is discussing disqualification.
- The context is as it relates to rewards and not salvation such that, it's possible to be disqualified and lose rewards not salvation.

- It's for this reason Paul uses the Israelites as an example of being disqualified from all God had waiting in the Promised Land.
- In effect, Paul is warning the Corinthians who were going down the same road and repeating the same mistakes Israel had.
- In other words, the Corinthian's were doing the very things the Israelites did, which is why Paul warns them by identifying them.

1. Relying on past blessings (Verses 1-4)

- Paul says the Corinthians were in danger of taking God's past blessings for granted in that it was excusing their sinful carnality.

2. Gratifying the lusts of the flesh (Verses 5-6)

- v5 Paul tells them God was not pleased with most of the Israelites, which is why their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.
- v6 He goes on to say these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as the Israelites did.
- The example that Paul is referring to here is that of the Israelites growing tired of Manna and desiring flesh/meat to eat instead.

Numbers 11:4–6 (NKJV) — 4 Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: “Who will give us meat to eat? 5 We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!”

- This is interesting for a number of reasons not the least of which is that they wanted to sort of spice things up with a little flesh.
- This because, God's provision of Manna became boring and dry as evidenced by them saying their whole being was dried up.
- Simply put, they had become dissatisfied in and with the Lord by virtue of the fact that the Manna was a type of Jesus Christ.

John 6:32-35 32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. NIV

MANNA	JESUS
Came from heaven	Was sent from heaven
Given to them supernaturally	Given to us supernaturally
Came down little and small	Came down as a child, little and small
Came at night	Born at night
Came down round, with no beginning and no end	Came down as the Alpha and Omega, no beginning and no end
Was pure and white	Is perfectly pure and made us white as snow
It is initially unrecognized in the natural, “what is it?”	We don't initially recognize Him in the natural
Tasted sweet like honey	Turns the bitterness of our sin (Marah) to the sweetness of our salvation
Came on the dew, untouched by the earth	Came to the earth, but was untouched by the world
It came down to where they were at	Meets us right where we are at
They had to bend down to get it	We have to humble ourselves to receive Him
They had to partake of it and eat it	We partake of Jesus, in remembrance of Him
They had to gather it and receive it that day	Today is the day of our salvation
They needed it every day	We need Him every day
It could only be found early in the morning	Early in the morning do we rise up and seek Him, while He can be found
It required diligence to get it	He rewards us who diligently seek Him
Brought dissatisfaction on the part of the mixed-multitudes	Brings dissatisfaction on the part of the carnal Christians

- I would suggest fleshly cravings are intensified proportionate to becoming dissatisfied with the Lord, and the things of the Lord.
- Perhaps better said, when I do not satisfy myself in the Lord, I'll become susceptible and acquiesce to the cravings of the flesh.
- By way of illustration, if I give into my cravings and fill myself up with junk food, I won't be hungry for or satisfied with good food.

Galatians 5:13–17 (NIV) — 13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

Psalms 78:27–31 (NKJV) — 27 He also rained meat on them like the dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas; 28 And He let them fall in the midst of their camp, All around their dwellings. 29 So they ate and were well filled, For He gave them their own desire. 30 They were not deprived of their craving; But while their food was still in their mouths, 31 The wrath of God came against them, And slew the stoutest of them, And struck down the choice men of Israel.

Psalms 106:13-15 13 They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert. 15 And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul. NKJV